

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT?



MEASURE WHAT YOU VALUE VALUE WHAT YOU MEASURE

- Developing learning outcomes and assessment measures is a vehicle for educational improvement. It propels you to think critically about what you are doing, how and why you are doing it, and how well you are doing it. It ensures that you articulate this clearly for yourselves and others.
- It is very helpful to know if your curriculum is in alignment with your learning outcomes. For example, do you have learning outcomes that are not covered in any required course? If so, how will your students learn what you want them to learn? On the other hand, do you have a required course that doesn't align with any learning outcomes? If so, what's the course supposed to accomplish?
- Learning outcomes and assessment strategies let students know what they are expected to learn and what they will be able to do when they finish.
- Most accreditation and re-accreditation standards require that programs have clearly articulated learning outcomes and assessment strategies.